

Wednesday 10 o'clock, A. M.
December 29th 1847.

Senate met—roll called—the following Senators answered to their names;

Messrs. Abbott, Bache, Bourland, Brashear, Burleson, Clark, Cuny, Dancy, Grimes, McRae, Navarro, Perkins, Phillips Wallace and Wootten,—quorum present.

The Journal of the preceding day was read and adopted.

Mr Clark, Chairman of the committee on the Judiciary, made the following report.

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
December 28th, 1847. }

Hon. John A. Greer,
President of the Senate:

The Judiciary committee have had under consideration, the petition of Morgan Wilson, a citizen of San Augustine County, signed by sundry citizens representing that he is poor, and is afflicted in such a way, that he can move from place to place only on crutches, or by the assistance of others, and asking on account of his unfortunate condition, that he be allowed to peddle in any part of the State without being compelled to pay the tax imposed by law upon peddlers. The situation of the petitioner is truly unfortunate, and well calculated to awaken our sympathies and excite our pity; were his the only case of the kind in the country, and the only one likely to be presented for legislative interference, the committee would feel no hesitation perhaps, in recommending the grant of the privilege solicited. But knowing, that there are many cases of a similar, and equally pitiable character in the State, and fearing that an acquiescence in the request of the petitioner in this instance would invite applications of the kind from others, a majority of the Committee have instructed me to report the petition back to the Senate, with the recommendation that the privilege sought, be refused.

EDWARD CLARK,
Chairman.

Which was laid upon the table to come up with the orders of the day on to-morrow.

Mr. Wallace introduced a bill to be entitled an act to authorize and require the Commissioner of the General Land Office, or other receiver of public dues in said office to receive gold and silver at the rate of one dollar thereof for five dollars in Texas Promissory notes, for all Government dues (except Taxes) upon lands and patents for lands—read first time.

The Senate proceeded to the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act to require the Governor, the Secretary of State and Attorney General, to reside at the seat of Government; read second time;

And, on motion of Mr. Clark, referred to the committee on State affairs.

A bill to be entitled an act to abolish the capital punishment of free white persons except for treason against this State or the United States; read second time:

And, on motion of Mr. Dancy, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act supplemental to, and explanatory of an act entitled an act regulating attachments, approved January 28th, 1839; read second time:

“And, on motion of Brashear, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for locating the seat of Justice of the County of Austin; read second time; and passed to a third reading.

A message was received from the House of Representatives through their Chief Clerk, informing the Senate that the House had passed the following bills—viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to establish public schools in the county of Galveston.

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing the County Court of Red River County to have the records in books A. B. and C. of Deeds and Mortgages and other instruments of writing now in the office of the Clerk of said county, transcribed.

A bill to be entitled an act establishing more permanently the seat of Justice of Collin county.

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the mode of voting in all popular elections.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for repairs on public buildings in the city of Austin.

A bill to be entitled an act to remove the disability of minority from William Stean, Jr. so as to enable him to receive his portion of the estate of his deceased parents.

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing the County Court of Red River County to have the records in of books A. B. and C. of deeds and mortgages and other instruments of writing now in the office of the Clerk of said county, transcribed—read first time.

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A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the mode of voting in all popular elections—read first time.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for repairs necessary on public buildings in the city of Austin—read first time.

A bill to be entitled an act to remove the disability of minority from William Stean Jr. so as to enable him to receive his portion of the estate of his deceased parents—read first time.

Mr. Dancy, by leave introduced a bill to be entitled an act to amend the Constitution of the State of Texas; read first time.

Mr. Cuny, by leave introduced a bill to be entitled an act to repeal an act entitled an act to prescribe the time of the biennial meeting of the Legislature of the State of Texas—read first time.

On motion of Mr. Williamson, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow, morning 10 o'clock.

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